

## THE PROPOSED PEACE

The Emperor Kwang Su Objects to Some of the Terms.

At a Conference It Was Decided to Hold Further Communication With the Court Before Seeing the Ministers.

Peking, Dec. 28.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the emperor, Kwang Su. Prince Ching called on the former for consultation, remaining over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which, it seems to think, could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself. After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—The Chinese newspapers here object to the proposed peace terms. The Universal Gazette considers that the princes and officials who are to be punished should be named. It is questionable whether Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang is included among those punishable, and so far as Prince Tuan is concerned, it is well known that the Chinese peace commissioners have been instructed not to consent to any punishment of any person of royal blood exceeding imprisonment.

Some of the native journals hold that the presence of permanent legation guards will render the emperor's return impossible, because these would be a menace to the court. "China," says one of them, "would be powerless to suppress risings because prohibited from increasing her military strength, and the powers, therefore, would renew hostilities again and the people would be mowed down like hemp."

London, Dec. 29.—"Private advices from the province of Shan Si say," wires the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that, while the court was sojourning at Tai Yuen Fu, the empress dowager secretly appointed a new emperor with the title Tung Hsu. He is a 15-year-old boy who was taken to Sian Fu in the imperial yellow chair. This explains the permission given to Emperor Kwang Su to return to Peking."

"Emperor Kwang Su has notified the reform party that he is returning to the capital and will need their assistance."

### THE DYNAMITE EXPLODED.

As a Result Six Men Are Dead and Several Others Are Not Expected to Live.

Keyser, W. Va., Dec. 29.—One of the most disastrous accidents in the history of railroad building in this section happened at Baker camp, near Durbin, Pocahontas county, on the line of the Coal & Iron railroad now building out from Elkins. As the result of a dynamite explosion six men are dead and several others are not expected to live. The accident happened while the men were at dinner. Some dynamite had been placed about the stove to thaw out, and shortly after a terrific explosion wrecked the camp, killed three men outright and injured eight others, three of whom have since died. The dead men were blown into atoms. Physicians hurried from Green Bank and worked all night with the wounded, some of whom begged the doctors to shoot them instead of helping them to live to be blinded or maimed for life. On account of indirect connections with the camp it is impossible to secure the complete details.

### DISORDERLY PLACES.

Keepers of Fourteen "Dives" and Gambling Houses Indicted by Chicago Grand Jury.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Keepers of 14 "dives" and gambling houses were indicted by the grand jury as the result of the inquiry into crime and vice in Chicago. The work will be continued. Of the 14 indictments four were against alleged keepers of gambling houses and ten against proprietors of basements and other resorts on the charge of conducting disorderly places. One state senator and David Lewinsohn, ex-city detective, were among those hit by this first batch of indictments.

Requests to Hebrew Charities. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 29.—The will of N. L. Goldstone was opened. He bequeathed \$14,000 to Hebrew charities as follows: Hebrew orphan asylum, Cleveland, O., \$5,000; Home for Aged Hebrews, Cleveland, O., \$5,000; Home for Aged Hebrews, Albany, N. Y., \$1,500; Hebrew union college, Cincinnati, O., \$2,500. Various relatives received a total of \$51,000, and the rest of the estate, \$250,000, goes to Samuel Redstone, a nephew.

### A Barge Canal.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 29.—A barge canal, costing \$82,000,000, following very closely the present line of the Erie canal, except that while touching the large cities it may not bisect them, is what State Engineer Bond will recommend to the legislature on about February 12.

Mayor of Bismarck Arrested. Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 28.—Mayor Edward G. Patterson has been arrested, charged with keeping a gambling house and with permitting one to be kept on his premises.

### RIOT IN A JAIL.

Twenty Female Prisoners Attack the Matron and Warden in the Women's Department.

New York, Dec. 28.—Twenty mad-dened female prisoners in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, rioted Thursday and fiercely assaulted Matron Fannie Handy and Warden McGrath. There was no attempt to escape. The riot was the consequence of nothing but ill feeling. Miss Handy was transferring the prisoners from one corridor to another in the woman's section when she was attacked by Nellie Jones, a powerfully built woman who had been sentenced to 15 days for intoxication. Miss Handy was felled. Nineteen other prisoners then assaulted her. While the blows rained thick upon her head and body she managed to reach a push button that rang a bell in the warden's office.

Warden McGrath rushed to the woman's department without waiting to call for assistance. As he entered the corridor he diverted the attention of the infuriated women and they jumped on him. The blows were fast and furious, and McGrath went to the floor. Hat pins were brought into play, and his face, head and neck were gouged.

Miss Handy made her way through the crowd and again rang the alarm. The sheriff, under sheriff and five deputies replied. They had much trouble in subduing the women, but succeeded, and two of them were placed in straight jackets. The others were put in separate cells, and then the prison physician was called to attend the wounded warden and the matron.

### BOUTS DECLARED OFF.

Fights Scheduled to Take Place in Cincinnati Will Not Be Permitted by the Authorities.

New York, Dec. 27.—William A. Brady Wednesday afternoon announced that the fight between J. J. Jeffries and Gus Ruhlin, scheduled to take place in Cincinnati on February 15, will not be permitted by the authorities of the city. Brady said that he had received word to this effect from the officials of the club which was to manage the affair. This being the case, the bouts arranged for Kid McCoy and Tommy Ryan and Terry McGovern and Kid Lavigne are declared off for the present. It is said that Terry McGovern will now make arrangements to go to England to fight Ben Jordan.

New York, Dec. 27.—Relative to the story printed here Wednesday that William A. Brady had announced that the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight had been called off at Cincinnati, Mr. Brady said Wednesday night that it was absolutely untrue. He stated that he never said anything that would lead to such a conclusion, and that the fight would come off as previously arranged for.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 27.—Sam Harris, manager for Terry McGovern, Wednesday night said that the report that McGovern was going to England to fight Ben Jordan is not worth talking about.

### CROP REPORT.

An Estimated Yield of Wheat in the United States in 1900 of 522,229,505 Bushels.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the United States wheat crop of 1900 at 522,229,505 bushels, the area actually harvested being 42,495,385 acres, and the average yield per acre 12.29 bushels. The production of winter wheat is estimated at 350,025,409 bushels, and that of spring wheat is estimated at 172,204,096 bushels, the area actually harvested being 26,235,897 acres in the former case and 16,259,488 acres in the latter. The winter wheat acreage totally abandoned in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois is finally placed at 3,522,787 acres, and the spring wheat acreage totally abandoned in North Dakota and South Dakota at 1,793,467 acres.

### AN OCEAN FREIGHTER.

The First One Ever Built in Chicago Will Be Launched Saturday.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The first ocean freighter ever built in Chicago will be launched Saturday afternoon in the yards of the Chicago Shipbuilding Co., on the Calumet river. The new boat is 242 feet long and has a capacity of 2,500 tons. Its first cruise will be to Hamburg, Ger., laden with grain. The launching of the North-western, as the new boat will be named, will complete the first installment of the largest contract ever entered into by the Chicago Shipbuilding Co. This contract calls for the building of eight boats—four for the ocean, and a like number to ply between the harbors of the Great Lakes—and stands for an expenditure of over \$2,000,000.

### Secretary Hay Recovers.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary Hay has recovered from his indisposition and was again at his desk in the state department Thursday. This being diplomatic day, he had many callers, the Chinese minister being the first.

### Fee System Abolished.

Havana, Dec. 28.—A decree has been issued putting the clerks of courts, bailiffs and other officers on salaries from February 1, and doing away with the fee system which has been greatly abused in Cuba.

## SAYS WOMAN SHOT HIM

Indiana Masonic Grand Lodge Secretary Badly Wounded.

No Trace of the Shootist Can Be Found, and the Theory Is Advanced That Smythe Attempted Suicide.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—William H. Smythe, secretary of the grand Masonic lodge of the state, was shot in the head in his office in the Masonic building shortly after noon Thursday. Mr. Smythe claims that a woman did the shooting, but the police have so far been unable to locate her.

Lewis A. Coleman, an attorney, found Mr. Smythe shortly after he was shot. He went to Mr. Smythe's office in the Masonic building shortly after noon for the purpose of transacting business, and found Mr. Smythe lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Immediately after finding Mr. Smythe Mr. Coleman ran from the building and telephoned the police department.

The wounded man was in a semi-conscious condition, but was able at intervals to utter a few coherent words. The police asked Mr. Smythe to tell who did the shooting, and he told them his son would give them the information. He was able to say, however, that he was seated at his desk when a blonde woman entered his office and asked to use the telephone. He said she had been in several times before and that the last call irritated him and he refused her request. He claimed that after he refused her the use of the telephone she drew a revolver from the bosom of her dress and fired.

Shortly after the tragedy Dr. Elmer Smythe, the son referred to, came in. When he was told that his father had said that he would give information as to the woman who did the shooting, he replied that he did not know her. He was pressed to give her name by the police, but he insisted that he knew nothing of her. Dr. Hodges was called immediately after the shooting, and when he arrived he at once began probing for the bullet. The wound was directly behind the right ear, and in a short time a piece of the bullet was found and extracted. Another piece, found in the same place, was taken out, and soon afterward a third piece was found.

When search for the woman who is said to have done the shooting failed to reveal any trace of her the theory is advanced that Mr. Smythe had attempted to take his own life. The persons who advanced the theory said it is strengthened by the fact that within the last year Mr. Smythe had threatened to take his life. His son said that while his father had been very despondent at times during the past year, he was unwilling to believe that he had attempted his own life.

Early in the summer Mr. Smythe received a sunstroke, which incapacitated him for work for several months. In fact, he has never recovered from it.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—The condition of Wm. H. Smythe, grand secretary of the P. and A. Masons of Indiana, who was mysteriously shot Thursday noon, is improved, and the man will live.

The police are still unable to find a single trace of the mysterious blonde woman, who he claims shot him, and have practically abandoned work on the case. The theory of attempted suicide is gaining ground.

The mystery surrounding the shooting seemed as impenetrable as ever.

### Negro Lynched.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 29.—George Fuller, a negro, was lynched near Marion, Perry county. He was charged with burning the barn of Dennis Cummings, of whom he had been a tenant. While Fuller was being taken to Marion a body of masked men took him from the officers and hanged him to a tree. Fuller had a bad reputation, and was more than once a convict.

### The War Revenue Law.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator Allison, who is the second member on the senate committee on finance in point of seniority, said Thursday that the house bill amending the war revenue law would be taken up by that committee immediately after the reconvening of congress. He also stated that no hearings would be granted by the committee.

### Michigan Bank Closed.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The First National Bank of White Pigeon, Mich., was closed Thursday night by order of the controller of the currency upon receipt of a telegram from National Bank Examiner J. W. Selden that the board of directors of the bank had passed a resolution requesting the controller to take charge.

### Dragged to Death.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Miss Bettie Cooper, aged 25, was instantly killed in Cannon county by a horse running away. Miss Cooper was thrown from a buggy, and being caught in the wheel, was dragged nearly half a mile.

### Will Mined in a City.

Fruithurst, Ala., Dec. 28.—O. L. Olson is preparing to sink a gold mine right in the city, with what he considers the finest prospect in the state for gold, and also an excellent prospect for silver and copper.

### WRECKED THE BAR.

Mrs. Carrie Nation Threatens to Clean Out Every Saloon in Kansas.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who with scraps of iron, rocks and billiard balls wrecked the Carey hotel bar, including a \$300 picture of "Cleopatra at the Bath," Thursday sent two demands to the sick bed of Gov. Stanley, for him as governor of the state to come to the city jail, whither she was taken after her assault on the bar fixtures, and take charge of her defense. On Stanley's refusal she telegraphed for Jerry Simpson, her old neighbor, at Medicine Lodge. With a hatchet Mrs. Nation recently smashed all the bar fixtures at Kiowa and Medicine Lodge. She is said to have arrived here Wednesday night.

Mrs. Nation is well dressed and about 60 years of age. Her husband is a lawyer at Medicine Lodge, an intimate friend of Jerry Simpson and a politician. Mrs. Nation practices osteopathy, and was on her way to Missouri to visit an osteopathic school. Before she left home, however, she stated that she intended to raid every saloon in Kansas and rid the state of them.

### DUPLEX TELEPHONING.

A System By Which Two Persons Can Converse Simultaneously Over the Same Wire.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A practical system of duplexing telephone wires, by which, using an auxiliary telephone, conversations with two persons may be held simultaneously on the same wire, has been adopted by the Chicago Telephone Co., and instruments for its operation will be put in immediately at many of the big stores and in offices where the use of the telephone is heavy. The auxiliary telephones will, as a rule, be used for incoming messages, but they are so arranged that the calls may be made at the same time that the main telephone is in use. Superintendent Hibbard said Thursday that the plan had been thoroughly tested and proved a success. By its use a heavy saving in the running of wires will be made, besides more than doubling the capacity of the telephone service by firms using it heavily.

### PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

The German Reichstag Will Pass a Bill to Protect Agrarian and Commercial Interests.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The vast industrial forces of Germany are organizing for a tremendous struggle with the agrarian and commercial interests, according to a report to the state department from United States Consul Schumann at Mainz. He says that the manufacturing interests of Germany surely will demand the passage of a protective tariff during the present session of the reichstag. Three of the strongest industrial societies of Germany recently convened to organize a national industrial council. The imperial government apparently is in sympathy with the movement, and while the efforts so far have failed, they are not to be abandoned.

### THE COLOMBIAN WAR.

Leader of the Invading Troops Defeated at Corazal, in the Province of Bolivar.

Washington, Dec. 28.—United States Charge Beaupre, at Bogota, has cabled the state department that he has been informed by the Colombian government that the invading troops were overtaken by the government forces at Rosario; also that their leader, Gen. Uribe, was defeated at Corazal, in the province of Bolivar. He was retreating with a few remaining followers through the department of Magdalena toward the Venezuelan line. The war is said to be progressing favorably for the Colombian government.

### Thieves in Uniform.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Thieves clad in the uniforms of letter carriers have broken into a number of the boxes in this city and rifled the contents. An investigation has developed that letter carriers are in the habit of selling their cast-off uniforms to second-hand dealers.

### Necromist Race Track Sold.

LaCrosse, Wis., Dec. 27.—Attorney C. L. Hood, of this city, Wednesday purchased the celebrated Necromist mile race track and farm adjoining for \$7,348.50 at sheriff's sale. This track is considered one of the best in America.

### Evan P. Warner Expires.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Evan P. Warner, secretary and treasurer of the Lafollette Coal, Iron and Railway Co. and superintendent of the Tennessee, Northern railway, died on Wednesday. He was until five years ago a resident of Lexington.

### For Swindling Soldiers.

Dennison, O., Dec. 28.—Two men are under arrest, charged with defrauding Urrihsville soldiers and soldiers' widows by claiming they represented the pension department of the government. A "pal" escaped, and the authorities are looking for him in Canton.

### Students Arrested.

London, Dec. 27.—Three hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg, according to a dispatch from Berlin to the Daily Express, for propagating socialistic doctrines.

## A VIOLENT HURRICANE

Vessels Destroyed and Many Lives Lost on the English Coast.

Steamer Primrose Hill Went on the Rocks, and Thirty-Four Sailors Were Drowned—The Vessel Was Wrecked.

London, Dec. 29.—There has been a recurrence of storms and violent gales in the channel, and considerable damage has been done ashore. Telegraph lines are down in many places. The British bark Pegasus, which sailed from Queenstown December 26 for Sharpness, has foundered off Penarth roads. One man of the crew was landed at Cardiff. The fate of the rest is unknown.

Incessant reports of innumerable shipping casualties show that the gale was one of the worst known in many years. Probably several days will elapse before the full extent of the damage becomes known. In addition, some vessels, not yet identified, which have been wrecked or placed in great danger, the fate of some of the cross channel mail steamers is in doubt.

It would be impossible to enumerate the minor casualties. In response to rockets from Edystone Light, Plymouth, sent dock yard, with a life boat, to assist what was reported to be a large steamer in distress in the channel.

A terrible accident took place near Taunton. The breakwater at Wacht harbor has yielded to the force of the gale and become a wreck, permitting a tremendous sea to have full play against the shipping in the harbor.

Several vessels broke adrift; two foundered, and five others were driven into a hopeless tangle in a corner between a pier and a wharf, where they lay grinding each other. Their masts and bulwarks speedily went overboard and their hulls were greatly battered. The damage will reach many thousands of pounds.

The Austrian bark Capricorn was driven ashore near Bude Cornwall. Nine of the crew were drowned, one was saved and four are still on board with little likelihood of being rescued, as they are unable to avail themselves of the rocket apparatus.

H. M. S. Black Prince at Queens-town and H. M. S. Teaser at Portsmouth were both badly damaged.

Wales appears to have suffered the worst effects of the gale both on land and sea; but everywhere the telegraph lines are much disorganized and reports therefore incomplete. Considerable damage to property inland is certain to be reported. Some fifty barges and sailing craft broke from their moorings in the Thames alone. At Oswestry a theater was destroyed.

The Primrose Hill went on the Penrhos Rocks, three miles off Southstack (not far from Holy Head). She broke in two and went to pieces in a few minutes. One man out of the crew of 45 men was saved by a life boat.

Some time before she struck the Primrose Hill dropped her anchors, but mountainous seas were running. No sooner had the ill-fated ship touched the rocks than the three after-masts went overboard and she broke in twain, leaving only the foremast standing. Three minutes later this went also. The vessel was soon smashed up.

The Hibernia stood by throughout but was powerless to aid. The Holy Head steam life boat made three vain attempts to reach the Primrose Hill, until the latter's crew was huddled on the poop when a huge sea dashed over the vessel, washing all away save one sailor, who was finally hurled against the rocks, sustaining terrible injuries.

The Enucuri is endangered. She has sought shelter in Portland Roads. Twenty-two of the crew managed to reach the breakwater but five are still on board. It is feared that the Enucuri will list and fill.

The hurricane is increasing at Queenstown, where the observers say it is the fiercest storm in years. The Maria, laden with coal, sank at her anchorage. The mails are delayed.

### Missing Boy Found.

Ft. Dodge, Ia., Dec. 29.—Johnnie Tonhose, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Tonhose, of Judd, Ia., who was supposed to have been kidnapped ten days ago, was found hiding in a hay loft. The boy had lived on vegetables which he had taken from the cellar. His feet and legs were frostbitten.

### To Elect State Superintendent.

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—The Minnesota Educational association adopted resolutions favoring the election of state superintendent by the people. The resolution provides that the office be placed on a salary footing equal to that of other state officials, and that the administration office be under civil service rules.

### Fine Residence Burned.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The residence of Henry P. Crowell, president of the American Cereal Co., was destroyed by fire Friday night. The fire spread with such rapidity that Mrs. Crowell and her 3-year-old child, who were in the nursery upstairs, had a narrow escape. The loss will be \$20,000.

### The Week's Failures.

New York, Dec. 29.—Business failures in the United States for the week number 213, as against 262 last week, 220 in this week a year ago, 218 in 1898 and 297 in 1897.

### MAIL POUCH STOLN.

It Contained \$100,000 in Negotiable Paper and an Unknown Amount of Money.

Detroit, Dec. 29.—A mail pouch, containing \$100,000 in negotiable papers and an unknown amount of money was stolen from the Wyandotte, Mich., Michigan Central Railroad passenger station some time Thursday night. The last mail for Wyandotte arrives at 10:28 on the Michigan Central, and, owing to the lateness of the hour, it is left in the station until morning. When the two mail sacks were thrown from the train Night Operator Richart threw the pouches under a seat in the corner of the waiting room. He then went to his home in Detroit. Friday, when Mailcarrier McCleary came to the station for the mail sacks he missed one.

About the same time George Bess, a driver of an oil wagon, reported at the station that a pouch, ripped open and empty, was behind an oil tank a short distance from the station. The trail of the thief was marked along the railroad track by strewn letters, checks and drafts. Most of the mail was intended for the J. B. Ford Alkali Co., of Wyandotte, and clerks were sent out to collect the letters. J. B. Ford, jr., expected a draft from New York for \$10,000. The draft did not come, and it is believed that the robbers took it, with other valuable papers, from the pouch.

### RESTORED TO LIFE.

A Cat Apparently Shocked to Death Resuscitated by a Reversed Current of Electricity.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—N. Schellinger, an electrician of Chicago, in the presence of a number of persons interested in the progress of science, shocked a cat apparently to death, and when the heart of the animal had long ceased to beat Mr. Schellinger reversed the current of electricity and the shock restored the heart beats, although they were very feeble at first. Within two hours after the cat had been pronounced dead, it had been restored to the fullness of life and vigor and was as playful as ever.

The current was kept turned on until there was no possibility of doubt of the fatality. Several physicians examined the cat and all agreed in pronouncing it dead.

In five minutes more an alternating current of low power was started and in the course of a few seconds the heart action commenced.

Electrician Schellinger says there is no doubt in his mind that any person who has seemingly been killed by an electric shock can be restored if intelligent action is followed on the lines adopted by him Friday and if the victim can receive such attention within a few minutes after the accident has occurred.

### TRAINING SHIP LOST.

The Tsuchikima Maru Sinks During a Typhoon—One Hundred and Twenty-One Lives Lost.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—The steamer Rio Jun Maru brings news that the Japanese training ship Tsuchikima Maru has been lost with all hands, numbering 121, near Mamadzu, Japan. She was long missing, and the war ship Midsasha was sent to search for her, without avail. It was not until wreckage from her, together with the body of Capt. Matsumoto, her commander, was washed ashore, that the mystery of her disappearance was cleared up.

She foundered during a terrible storm at the end of November in Sunnuz bay, sinking after striking Sumniza rocks. Not one of her company escaped.

The steamer Lushima Maru was lost on December 8 by striking a rock in Alaska bay. A man was saved by a passing steamer, but the others were lost.

From Osaka comes news that the bark Katokugawa Maru was lost off Tosa province with all on board on December 9.

The bark Kamija Maru was lost on December 4. The crew of 16 were picked up after being in the boats several days without food.

### Charged With Murder.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—A young man named Maphin is under arrest at Pittsfield, suspected of killing Michael Corcoran, a wealthy farmer of Griggsville, who was found dead in a field near Griggsville several days ago with two bullet holes through the head and one through the body. Maphin denies his guilt.

### Military Reservation at Nome.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The president has ordered that the military reservation at Nome, Alaska, be made a public reservation under the control of the war department, and that the military reservation previously set aside near the east side of the mouth of the Nome river be known as the Ft. Davis military reservation.

### Children Burned to Death.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 29.—The three children of L. Lavery, a daughter aged 4 years, a son aged 2 and a 6-months-old infant, have been burned to death near here. The parents were temporarily absent from home.

### Bar on Guilty Parties.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—The Missouri circuit judges will recommend to the legislature at the coming session that guilty parties in divorce suits be barred from remarrying for three years.